Dear Stakeholder:

Please join the Arizona Department of Environmental Quality (ADEQ) for the Lower San Pedro River Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) analysis public meeting on Thursday September 27th, 2007 from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. on the campus of Central Arizona College, Aravaipa Campus.

Meeting Essentials

What: Lower San Pedro River Total Maximum Daily Load public meeting

Who: Stakeholders and interested parties

When: 09/27/07 - 6:00 to 8:00 p.m.

Where: Room A18, Aravaipa Campus, Central Arizona College 80440 East Aravaipa Road, Winkelman, AZ 85292

ADEQ is conducting a TMDL study for the lower San Pedro River (Aravaipa Creek to the Gila River) to investigate the sources and critical conditions contributing to exceedances of selenium and *Escherichia coli* water quality standards. A TMDL is the determination of the maximum pollutant loading a waterbody can maintain and still meet surface water quality standards. Using the results of this investigation, the agency will work with stakeholders to identify appropriate, affordable, and effective actions necessary to improve water quality and develop a plan to implement these actions.

At this meeting, ADEQ will provide a project overview and timelines, discussion of current results and future modeling of project results, followed by a discussion of funding sources that can help pay for water quality improvements. We will encourage and solicit input from stakeholders. We look forward to your input on these discussions.

Further information and the meeting notice will be posted on ADEQ's website at www.adeq.state.az.us/cgi-bin/vertical.pl. For questions and additional information, please contact Doug McCarty at (602) 771-4521 or dm4@azdeq.gov.

Directions to Meeting – Hwy 77 south from Winkelman to Aravaipa Road, then east ¼ mi to campus entrance.